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1. Recent talks between Johann Koplenig and Erwin Zucker Schilling, Austrian Communist leaders, and Rakosi in Budapest on 20 and 21 December 1947 were also attended by a representative of Marshal Tito. His name is unknown, but he is believed to be a senior executive officer of the Cominform.
2. The Austrians were instructed to draw up for the Cominform an estimate of the probable effect on the Austrian Communist Party of an open declaration of adherence to the Cominform. The latter's executive committee would then study the evidence and decide whether Austria should be "admitted" now or later.
3. The Cominform representative expressed dissatisfaction with the procedure adopted by the Austrian CP in conducting the anti-Marshall Plan campaign and demanded a greater propaganda effort and less mincing of words.
4. Koplenig was asked to submit plans for the organization of strikes, particularly in Styria. If unsuccessful, the strikes would be staged in USIA plants. Sabotage of Government food distribution plans was also recommended.
5. Following the reception of Cominform directives issued in Budapest on 20 and 21 December 1947, the Central Committee of the Austrian Communist Party agreed to establish a committee for the support of the Greek Communists. This decision was taken on 30 December at a meeting in Austrian Communist leader Ernst Fischer's office.
6. The following Austrian Communists have been elected to the committee: Franz Honner as president; Dr. Heinrich Duermayor; Franz Strobl; Franz Marek; Sepp Pliesseis, and a certain Tranklor. Because of his close ties with Marshal Tito, Franz Honner will be the main link with the Cominform.
7. The support of the above will consist of press and propaganda organs devoted to the same ideology, financial assistance, and military aid through the dispatch of arms, uniforms, and volunteers (sic).

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8. Austrian volunteers for Markos will be trained in Yugoslavia. An effort will also be made to persuade the prisoners-of-war in Yugoslavia to join an Austrian Legion for Greece.
9. Thus far, the committee has held two meetings.

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